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SUBJECT: SOMALIA DROUGHT SITUATION

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1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF CURRENT DROUGHT SITUATION IN SOMALIA BASED UPON UNDP BRIEFING OF LOCAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS FEB. 4 FOLLOWING 8-DAY VISIT OF UN REPS TO DROUGHT AREAS. SITUATION CURRENTLY STABILIZED; MAJORITY OF REFUGEES IN GOOD HEALTH AND GENEROUSLY FED. CAMP POPULATION AS OF FEB. 2 IS APPROX 168,000 AND MAY REACH 300,000, IN COMING MONTHS O

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ET MUCH MORE. UNDP BELIEVES EMERGENCY PHASE MAY END IN LATE MAY BUT ONLY IF SPRING RAINS COME. IF THEY DO, THEN RELIEF EFFORT WOULD MOVE OUT OF EMERGENCY PHASE INTO REHABILITATION PHASE BY LATE MAY, EARLY JUNE. MORTALITY RATES

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NOT EXCESSIVE. CURRENT FOOD STOCKS AND PLEDGES MAY CARRY CAMPS THROUGH AUGUST IF RAINS COME. UNDP WILL REASSESS SITUATION

IN EARLY APRIL. END SUMMARY.

2. CAMP POPULATION. AS OF FEB. 2 APPROX 168,000 REFUGEES WERE DISTRIBUTED IN 16 SOMALI RELIEF CAMPS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. LARGEST CAMPS ARE IN SANAAG REGION AT GARADAG (22,825) AND IN TOGDHEER AT BURCO (23,676). TOTAL DEATHS TO DATE APPROX 3,200 AND ARE NOT DUE TO STARVATION. TOTAL CAMP POPULATION INCLUDES 80,000 CHILDREN. DAILY ADULT FOOD RATION OF CAMPS IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE AND INCLUDES 250 GRAMS RICE (4 DAYS WEEKLY); 300 GRAMS SORGHUM (3 DAYS WEEKLY); 50 GRAMS SUGAR; 47 GRAMS OIL; 20 GRAMS MILK POWDER; 30 GRAMS DATES; 3 GRAMS TEA; AND 4 BISCUITS TWICE A DAY, AS WELL AS MEAT (250 GRAMS) THREE TIMES WEEKLY. RATE OF GROWTH OF REFUGEE CAMPS HAS BEEN REDUCED RECENTLY BECAUSE OF RAINFALL CERTAIN AREAS. FYI UNDP OFFICIALS NOW ADVISE US THAT THEY DO NOT BELIEVE REFUGEE POPULATION WILL EXCEED 250,000 TO 300,000 BY END OF MAY. END FYI.

3. MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND STAFF. MEDICAL SUPPLIES CONSIDERED ADEQUATE IF THE PLEDGES MADE BY VARIOUS DONORS EITHER THROUGH RED CROSS OR DIRECTLY TO GSDR ARRIVE. APPROX. 46.9 TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN PLEDGED TO DATE. THERE IS NEED HOWEVER FOR ADDITIONAL MEDICAL TEAMS.

4. FOOD ITEMS. AS OF FEB. 2, 63,732 TONS OF COMMODITIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN AND PLEDGED TO SOMALIA FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF. FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

COUNTRY	CONTRIBUTION M.T.	KIND
CHINA (PRC)	4,000	MAIZE (ARRIVED)
GERMANY, D.R.	500	WHEATFLOUR
ITALY	10,000	WHEATFLOUR (ARRIVED)
SUDAN	1,000	SORGHUM (RECEIVED)
SWEDEN	4,000	WHEATFLOUR
USSR (20 FROM R.C.)	5,020	MAIZE (ARRIVED)
UWK. (RED CROSS)	18	WHEATFLOUR
YEMEN (ARAB REP)	200	SORGHUM
E.E.C.	12,000	RICE/WHEATFLOUR (PARTIALLY ARRIVED)

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W.F.P.	11,970	MAIZE/WHEATFLOUR (PARTIALLY ARRIVED)
UGANDA	22.5	MAIZE (ARRIVED)
U.S.A.	15,000	SORGHUM, SORGHUM GRITS AND BULGUR WHEAT
TOTAL	63,732.5	

5. OTHER FOOD ITEMS: 4,046 MT OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS, INCLUDING US CIVIL DEFENSE BISCUITS, ALSO ARRIVED OR ARE PLEDGED. ALSO 658 TONS POWDERED MILK PLEDGED.

6. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. GSDR HAS ALSO RECEIVED 4.8 MILLION DOLLARS IN CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DROUGHT RELIEF AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY	AMOUNT IN US \$	PURPOSE
GERMANY, F.R.	350,000	FOOD PURCHASES
GERMANY, F.R.	175,000	WATER TANKERS
ITALY	30,000	RELIEF COSTS
LIBYA	2,000,000	RELIEF COSTS
NIGERIA	405,000	RELIEF COSTS
U.S.A.	25,000	RELIEF PURCHASES
YUGOSLAVIA	100,000	RELIEF PURCHASES
E.E.C.	1,336,000	
UNDP	20,000	
UNDRO	20,000	SPARE PARTS FOR VEHICLES
WFP	243,000	TRANSPORT OF FOOD
LICROSS	158,000	IN SUPPORT OF RELIEF OP.

7. OTHER SUPPLIES

GDR	2000 BLANKETS
USA	7000 BLANKETS AND 200 TENTS
USSR	250 BLANKETS
LICROSS	LANDROVER
US	120 COLLAPSIBLE WATER TANKS
SWITZERLAND RED CROSS	44,000 BLANKETS
MENNONITE MISSION	1000 BLANKETS

8. MIDDLE AND LONG TERM REHABILITATION. SOME US \$4 MILLION HAS ALSO BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO GSDR FOR MIDDLE AND LONG TERM REHABILITATION. THIS INCLUDES US \$ 2 MILLION FROM UNDP RESERVE FUND (USUN 281) WHICH GSDR PROPOSES TO BE USED TO SPEED UP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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CURRENT UNDP PROGRAMS IN RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT, FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND WATER DRILLING. ALSO US\$ 2 MILLION HAS BEEN PLEDGED FROM UNICEF, WHICH IS EARMARKED FOR EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES.

9. GSDR EFFORT. SOMALI GOVERNMENT IS GIVEN EXTREMELY HIGH MARKS BY UN REPS FOR CAMP ORGANIZATION AND ADMIN SUPPORT. GOVERNMENT VEHICLES WORKING AROUND CLOCK TRANSFERRING DROUGHT VICTIMS TO RELIEF CAMPS AND MOVING RELIEF SUPPLIES TO CAMPS FROM REGIONAL AND DISTRICT WAREHOUSES.

10. UN REPS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT MEASURES TAKEN BY GSDR WITH SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN ADEQUATE TO AVOID FURTHER DETERIORATION OF SITUATION. GSDR BOTH PHYSICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY PREPARED TO MOVE OUT OF EMERGENCY PHASE INTO REHABILITATION PERIOD PROVIDED SPRING RAINFALL (APRIL/MAY) ARRIVES AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN AGRICULTURE AND FISHING ACITIVITIES, ETC. GOVERNMENT CURRENTLY DETERMINING

RESETTLEMENT PRIORITIES AND NEEDS AT PRESENT TIME. UN WILL AGAIN  
SURVEY SITUATION IN EARLY APRIL.  
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